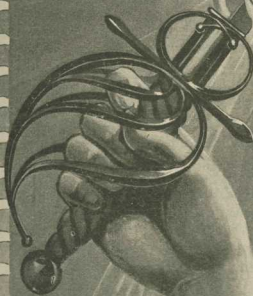


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*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

## Discovery of the Secret of Not Dying.

THE typical Elijah asserted and confirmed his mission as the prophet of the Most High, when in the presence of many false prophets he called down fire from God out of heaven, which kindled the preparation for the sacrifice which Elijah offered. The prophets of Baal and the Grove were gathered on Mount Carmel, to test the claim to authority which each was making of divine appointment and power. The testimony of the true prophet was corroborated in the failure of the pseudo prophets and in the successful achievement of the one divinely authorized. The false prophets were sincere, earnest, and expectant. They believed that they were genuine prophets of their god; but Elijah possessed more than belief,—he knew his relation to Divinity, for he was so close to God that the processes of conjunctive unity would complete the transformation which would absorb him into the central throne of the astro-biologic consciousness.

Elijah knew that he was to sit upon the throne of Deity, as his name—God the Lord—implied; therefore he was not mistaken when he augmented and amplified the tests imposed upon the contestants for prophetic fame. As Elijah's mission was confirmed in the descent of fire upon the altar of immolation, so in the antitype the confirmation of authority in the true one among the thousands who will come as false prophets, will be that Elijah the prophet will call down fire from God out of heaven in the sight of men. Malachi predicts of him as follows:

"For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap."

The true prophet of God, coming as the precursor of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, will inaugurate a biological conflagration. He will perform this by virtue of his knowledge of the laws of that great change to which a portion of the human race aspires and will become subject. It will be the province of the genuine prophet of the Lord to establish a biologic battery, by being enabled to select from among the millions of the human family those who shall constitute an electro-magnetic power, the oscillatory momentum of which shall dissolve, without corruption, the thousands maturing as the first-fruits of the resurrection.

We have declared a scientific biological discovery; namely, that in the near future there will be the translocation of a group, at the center of which Elijah the prophet will consume by theocrasis, that is, he will dissolve or dematerialize and thus communicate a fire to others, who by the thousands will pass away without the ordinary death of the body. This will be the conflagration or burning up of the world so long predicted. We not only declare this, but shall proceed to organize (under the auspices and authority of Divinity) the necessary biological grouping for the consummation of this end. It matters not to us to what extent our determinations are opposed by the weaklings who through the venom of defeated rage vent their malignancy. They make war not on man but on God. We declare further, that some who through hatred think to defeat the progress of our work will find themselves helpless by virtue of the power against which they most foolishly contend. It is not safe to kick against the goads.

## Scintillations of Brilliant Star Points.

WE noticed recently in a monthly publication, an item which induced a smile. It stated that people born under the influence of Libra believed themselves to be living in a hollow sphere, and Koresh was instanced as astrologically illustrating the principle. We are just so sufficiently absurd in our methods of thought and the application of the principles of exploitation, as to know that a demonstrated premise is a better foundation for the predication of a logical argument and conclusion, than an assumption. We have no use for assumption as the foundation for science.

The unmistakable emphasis and impulse given to the Koreshan System in the mechanical survey made at Naples by our Geodetic Staff, places us on the solid rock of truth. The theological and social systems, with the Theocratic government of the Koreshan Unity, have their foundation in the Cellular Cosmogony. By the side of the assumptions of the advocates of and believers in the Copernican astronomy, we place the evidence of an unmistakable mechanical survey—the only survey ever made to determine whether the earth was convex, concave, or flat.

Man is mortal. This includes body, soul, and spirit. Mortality—the dying state, is in opposition to immortality, the intermediate state between the mortal—broken in continuity, and the eternal—the unbroken state. The mortal state belongs both to the visible and material, and the invisible and spiritual. The outermost spiritual spheres, those immediately related to the visible, are mortal, whose spirits pass through the condition which corresponds to the mortal state in the natural. The spiritual world is as much the mortal world as the outward and natural is mortal. When man attains to immortality, then his spirit, soul, and body are immortal. Jesus the Lord reached immortality, and through it passed into the eternal and invisible higher life. His attainment was an example of what the sons of God will attain before passing through immortality to eternal life. What the Lord attained, the sons of God will also attain.

The conservation of sex energy through mental purification is one of the essential lines of human improvement, morally and physiologically. Sensualism is one of the prevailing sins of the age, and obtains as much within the marital domain as outside of it. The marriage license should not be regarded as a license for the prostitution of energies of brain and body, the husbanding of which can be made to conduce to the physiological perfection of the race. The reproductive energies are for two purposes; namely, propagation, and conservation through the restraints of perfect mental adjustment and poise. Perhaps our readers had better pass over the foregoing, for this is criminal doctrine in the eyes of a lecherous world, and you will be condemned for reading—and more, for believing.

The prosperity boom is the boom for the millionaire, and this depends upon the scarcity of money. The reduction of the monetary basis to the "single standard" enables the great financiers to manipulate not only the price of gold, but the blood of the wage slave. This forcing to the wall of another class of people that are

only now beginning to experience the tyrannizing power of the iron heel of monopoly, will add the needed strength to a resisting force which in the near future will insure the climax of the great culminating vortex into which the struggle for human liberty is hastening the race with an accelerating speed.

No man or body of men has the right to say to a single individual of this American government, you shall not work unless you conform to the rules we as an organized body provide. When the Congress of our country has become so weak that it fears to legislate and enforce the laws against organized tyranny because of the influence voters may possess, it is too demoralized for the public good.

The progress of astronomical thought on the hypothesis of the convexity of the earth, is inimical to the idea of the personal Divinity. To deny God's personality is to deny the Messiahship of Jesus and also his Divinity; and to deny these is to deny all the teachings of the Old and the New Testament concerning the Lord Christ and his office in human redemption. This is Antichrist.

Every candid and critical observer knows that the burdens of taxation fall upon the poor, and that the rich in more than a thousand ways, escape their obligations. The principal reason for this is, that our laws are made by the affluent, who leave no stone unturned to add to the possibilities for the accumulations which their greed inspires them to foster.

In the conduct of government, the teachings of history must be recognized and every measure that ignores those teachings will be a failure. History, as well as common sense, shows that the danger which threatens the American republic spring from definite causes, and unless such causes are removed, we can expect only a continuation of these dangers.

Good (?) times depend upon the success of combines. Good times for the Standard Oil Company are proportionate to its control of the oil interests and the freezing out of the small concerns. Good times for the railroad monopolists are proportionate to the absorption of competing roads. Therefore all the small concerns should be driven to the wall.

The gold standard means the control of the commerce of the world by the money kings. It means the subjugation of the American nation to England. It means that the United States shall forever be a money-borrowing and interest-paying nation, and the great mass of the American people shall be perpetual wage slaves.

The extravagance of Congress has become a reproach and a byword, and this may well be when we recall the melancholy fact that Congressional appropriations have increased over one hundred millions since 1890, during which period we have been struggling to keep the Government from financial ruin.



## A Prophetic Glimpse of the New Humanity.

IT MAKES one tired to read the rubbish that passes the rounds as literature, on the question of socialism. Page after page is devoted to the differentiation of wage, price, worth, cost, profit, etc., terms and subjects which belong to the competitive system, and have nothing whatsoever to do with the great social revolution destined to bury in the antiquated graveyard of oblivion, the effete past. The wage system is to be destroyed. Men are not to be *hired* in the coming social regime. Industry is to be rewarded on altogether different principles from the past and present. Man shall no longer eat his bread in the sweat of his face, in the coming social government. Price, cost, wage, worth, etc., will cut no figure after the coming regulation of the relations between industry and the distribution of its products. The government will regulate the scale of relative valuations and productions, and distribution will be equitable. The power of money will be destroyed. Gold will be comparatively worthless, and except as a commercial commodity, will not be used.

It will enter into the various arts for what it contains of value, but its monetary power will be destroyed.

There is about to transpire the conflagration predicted of old, and we are near its consummation. Out of this baptism there will spring forth the great encephalon of the new order. A new race of beings will inhabit the earth, the product of creation in one more step in the progress of mental and physical evolution. They will be as far above the present genus homo, as the present genus is above the animal kingdom. The present race, or that portion of it prepared to comprehend the character of the imminent conflagration and to enter the fire of purification, will constitute the basis and material for the creation of the genus Theo-anthropoi, the God-men of the kingdom to come. The sons of God, the firstfruits of the resurrection of the dead, will assume the reins of government, and will constitute the fountain of inspiration for the respiratory affection and affiliation, which will render the brotherhood of man possible.

## CONTRIBUTORS' AND EDITOR'S DEPARTMENTS.

### The Scientific Victory Over Gravity.

BY ASTRO-VIGILUS.

I HAD dreamed that I could fly; through an effort of the will to escape a danger, I rapidly rose to an altitude of a hundred feet, and slowly moved toward the sunset. I experienced a delightful sensation and a feeling of physical buoyancy like the lightness of a happy heart. What a wonder that I could fly! I was realizing all my hopes and the fruit of all my efforts for years! The problem of flying through the air had long engaged my inventive genius, and my efforts had failed; and now to fly without apparatus filled me with a delight that I cannot describe. When I awoke, I was as ponderable and as unable to fly as ever.

To me and to scores of my fellow inventors, aerial navigation was still a problem. The one obstacle which seemed to bid defiance to all ingenuity was gravity itself. My aeroship seemed perfect, but for that one difficulty. Its several apparently successful tests had startled the world, but I could devise no means of supplying it with the enormous amount of electric energy necessary to propel it more than an hour or so. I found myself defeated by forces I had hoped to conquer. In years past, I had seen Keeley despair of success; he was hindered by an unknown law. Maxim and Langley had likewise failed, and now I had seen the door of the nineteenth century close behind me, but with the hope that the beginning of the new century would bring to me my reward. Will my dream be fulfilled?

Flaming headlines in a morning paper arrested my attention: "Physical Levitation Accomplished at Last!" "Great Scientific Achievements in a Chicago Laboratory!" I at once boarded an underground pneumatic car, with the hope of obtaining some clue to a principle that would assist me in perfecting my apparatus, and soon found myself within the doors of the institution.

"I am glad to meet the inventor of Delambre's aeroship," said the gentleman who welcomed me. "We have something better, you will admit upon examination," he said, as we passed into the laboratory.

He advanced toward a table which supported a large glass globe; he touched a button on the globe, and it slowly rose to the center of the room and remained suspended in mid-air. Turning to a mechanical contrivance, he touched a small lever, and it moved in a circle above our heads.

"That," said he, "is a model of our leviship. That I may have opportunity to explain our scientific achievements to you, I invite you to accompany me on a little voyage in the large aerial car."

The leviship arose majestically above the buildings of the great city, and soared away to the south,—a floating car stripped of balloon, wings, and sails, provided with a simple covering. At our feet was a battery, and at the rear of the car I saw a rudder with which the scientist steered the unique vessel.

"The principle is simple," he said, in answer to my questions. "Gravo-levic forces extend perpendicularly; our battery produces a lateral vibration which destroys gravity, and consequently the weight of the car. When this is done it requires but little force to propel it in any direction we desire."

"How is the vibration produced?"

"By electro-magnetic polarization, which results in the destruction of the positive elements of the battery. The helix induces lateral extension of the magnetic rays, the vibrations of which, being more rapid than the vibrations of gravity, disintegrate the gravic force. Rapid vibration is the secret; it is simply a vortex of energies finer in quality than gravity, in which their intensity and direction of vibration and radiation are changed. Here is the point of your failure; there can be no successful aerial navigation without it."

"Is this the first manifestation of the principle here employed?"

"By no means; it has always been manifest in the sun, moon, and stars. These lights are vortices of substances, which partially materialize at the focal point and enter into combustion; but for the intense vibration resulting, the substances which materialize or crystallize would be ponderable. All birds possess the power to disintegrate gravity to the extent of their own weight, and their flight is thus reduced to mere locomotion. Look at those vultures there, about a thousand feet above the earth, flying with scarcely a movement of their wings. The principle of the sails in their wings serves only to change their course. In ascending or descending they move in spirals, you see."

"Years ago," he continued, "Keeley almost succeeded in utilizing this principle of vibration. He failed for the simple reason that he was in ignorance of the science of alchemy and of the laws of vibration. All energy is substance, and radiates in currents or rays. By accident the inventor of the perpetual light was partially successful in applying the principle, but he did more than he knew. A simple illustration of the vortex is seen in the gyroscope used by the so called astronomers of the last century, in their endeavor to prove the fallacy of the earth's rotation. The plane of rotation of the gyroscope is fixed by the creation of an exterior vortex which extends laterally from the rim of the rotating wheel, and any effort to throw it out of that plane

is met with resistance. The phenomenon of the gyroscope—that of changing its plane of rotation as the hours go by, is due to the relation the plane of the energies of the vortex sustains to the plane of the sun's diurnal revolution."

"Now, how was this discovery of lateral vibration made?"

"Through discovery of the fact that the universe is a great cell, a gigantic battery, with perpetual destruction of its positive pole, the sun, which is at the center of the earth, or environ of the universe."

"Who made this discovery?"

"Koresch, now recognized as the world's greatest scientist, thirty years before the close of the last century. All our scientific achievements are the result of the application of the principles of Koreschan Science, the system which he founded."

"Do you think that levitation of human beings is possible?"

"Certainly, through application of known laws of mental and physical vibration. This was the secret of Jesus' ability to walk on the water, the result of energies generated through splenic agitation. The ancient races understood these laws which have now been restored to humanity. The construction of the great Pyramid of Gizeh, in old Egypt, is an example of the application of the principles of the destruction of gravity. But for this, the transportation and emplacement of the massive stones would have been impossible."

"What benefits will accrue to humanity through this discovery," I asked, as we alighted from the car, which had returned to the court, after an ascension of some three thousand feet and a voyage of a number of miles.

"It will win all of humanity's battles. Only science can truly win. The progress of ages culminates in the revelation of all mystery, the science of all truth. Mystery is truth enveloped in clouds of darkness, hidden away from all obtrusion until the fabric of destiny is woven. We are in the light of the twentieth century, and the external cobwebs of fallacy have been brushed away. Progressive humanity is rising, and human gravitation to the tomb has been overcome,—the victory of science in its battle against the forces of the grave. The roadway to death has been closed, and the gateway to tangible, immortal life here in the earth, is open!"

## The Irony of Fate; A Prophecy.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

LONG years ago when old Tom Fordham was a thin-faced, sharp-eyed schoolboy, playing at marbles with his fellows and skillfully winning the miscellaneous assortment of treasures that filled their pockets, he had resolved to be rich some day. He was a shrewd lad with an eye to a bargain even in those days, always ready to trade knives and pencils on the remotest possibility of turning a penny, and as he grew up, the child's resolve deepened and strengthened.

A strolling fortune-teller, who inveigled Tom out of a ten cent piece in cheap remuneration for a peep behind the curtain of the future, told the boy that fate designed him for a millionaire, founding the assertion, most likely,

on his evident reluctance to part with the money. No man becomes a millionaire who does not look twice at a penny, no matter how ardent his desire for its equivalent. Tom accepted the prediction as a decree of heaven, and set himself to verify it with all his might. He had all the money-getting maxims at his tongue's end, "Look out for the pence and the pounds will look out for themselves," "A penny saved, is a penny earned," and many similar precepts of worldly wisdom. He never indulged in the folly of treating his mates, and no vision of black eyes and rosy cheeks could win a tribute of boyish homage in the shape of candy or fruit from him.

And yet, for some inexplicable reason, although



Tom was so industrious and saving—far too saving for a young man—he seemed singularly unsuccessful in what came to be the main object of his life, other ambitions and purposes gradually fading out, absorbed by the ruling passion. Pretty Anice Wheeler, who liked Tom in spite of his penurious ways, grew weary of waiting indefinitely for his income to increase and in sheer disgust with his lukewarm professions, married one of the worst spendthrifts in town, a match which proved notoriously happy, despite Tom's vehement warnings of calamity. With Anice's desertion, the last link that bound Tom to gentle, loving, human interests was broken and his life settled into harder, firmer lines than ever. To be sure, an unwearied Providence occasionally thrust in his way, opportunities for unselfish practice, but Tom turned his back resolutely upon every incentive to nobler living.

When his sister's husband died, leaving the poor woman nearly destitute, with a brood of fatherless little ones to support, everyone looked to Tom as her natural protector in the emergency, but Tom was just then on the point of making his fortune in a new electrical appliance. If he could only raise a little more money at the critical moment, the invention would be launched inside a month—two at the most, and then what a generous provision he could make for them all,—educate the boys and give their mother her carriage. So the poor soul, with limitless faith in her brother's capacity, cheerfully proffered five hundred dollars, her children's solitary heritage, to push the enterprise which proved a signal failure. She and the children managed to shift for themselves after that in some fashion, while Tom, miserly as ever and still confident of his future prosperity, put all his energies into a new stock company organized to place on the market a valuable tract of western land. Some money, to be sure, he realized from his various projects, no one knew just how much; Tom kept his own counsel, lived close and allowed himself only the barest necessities. The fact was, fortune seemed determined to thwart his efforts. Having endowed Tom with the nature and instincts of a miser, she capriciously withheld the gratification of his desires, so that the proceeds of one venture were usually swallowed up by the mischances of a second, and Tom was getting old now; his locks and beard were griseled and his gaunt form bent slightly like an oak bowed by the winds; still his faith in his destiny was unchanged. Was he not going to die a millionaire? To what purpose else, had he toiled and saved, closing every avenue of his heart lest gentle pity, soft compassion or tender love creep in to flit away some farthings of his gains?

Then came the Klondike excitement. The newspapers in glowing terms heralded the discovery of a new El Dorado and described the marvels of that far-off northern land, with its mighty glaciers, frozen fields, and long mysterious Arctic night. The fever heightened. The thirst for gold is the easiest to awaken, the fiercest to rage, and the hardest to quench of any craving experienced by humanity. Balzac, who had searched the profoundest depths of the human heart, shows the glazed

eyes of a dying man whence every spark of life and emotion had fled, suddenly lighted up by intense gleams of cupidity at sight of the silver chalice containing the sacramental wine presented by the priest.

Danger and hardship only invested the distant gold fields with an element of romance. Tom Fordham read and listened and finally decided this was the last great opportunity of his life. He was now past sixty, but looked older and owing to recent illness, was poorly adapted to the rigors of Alaskan exile. Health, however, had no value as a determinant in the matter. He purchased his outfit, bade adieu to his acquaintances—friends he had none, having long discarded them as expensive luxuries—and at the expiration of several months, arrived at Dawson, the newest metropolis of the western world, the chief objective point of the gold-seekers.

When he saw the shining yellow dust standing in tumbrels behind the bar in the saloons and dance halls, Tom's eyes glistened. The wonderful sail up the Stick-een river had left him cold and impassive before the sublime spectacle where range after range of majestic mountains, rising one behind another in solid phalanx, with countless spires, pinnacles and battlements of ice, tower to reach the heavens that come down in cloud and mist to meet them; where foaming torrents pour white from thousands of mighty glaciers,—a new one born every few moments with a thunderous crash and roar that re-echoes from peak to peak, like the birth cry of a Titan, setting the elements in wildest upheaval and commotion.

For two years, Tom lived the life of a wild beast or an Indian. Hundreds of stronger men all around him succumbed to the incredible hardships occasioned by the severity of the climate whose rigors exceeded current description, and the scarcity of any kind of nourishing food. It was a terrible life delving among the rocks by the dim light of his candle in the gloom of the long winter, or sitting clay down in the creek or river beds where the placer claims were exploited; but his courage was buoyed up by the conviction that the realization of his life-long hopes was at hand.

At last the day came when the goal was reached. The gipsy fortune-teller's prophecy was fulfilled and Tom Fordham was a millionaire. He knew the value of every nugget in his buckskin sack. Ah! what a price he had paid for them! All the nobler aspirations of his being, all the tender sympathies of his heart, all the gentle ties of human relationship, all the kindly associations of society—to say nothing of the long months of privation and suffering whose history was written in his haggard face and burning eyes. Pale, gaunt, hollow-eyed, with a racking cough, more like a spectre than a living man, yet triumphant in his victory over fortune who for so many years had frustrated his efforts, Tom prepared to quit the frozen wilderness and return to the outer world of civilization. He had lived in such complete isolation from his kind that no whisper from without had reached him these many months. When he arrived at his old home, he found that wonderful events

had transpired; the progress of invention had revolutionized society, and the philosopher's stone, the secret of transmutation vainly sought by the old alchemists, had proved at last a veritable reality. Beginning with the discovery of a Chicago scientist who first introduced a method of manufacturing gold out of antimony, the

transmutation of other and baser substances had followed, until the cheapness of the process had stimulated the production of the precious metal in such enormous quantities that its value as the medium of exchange was quickly destroyed. The nuggets in Tom's sack were worthless!

## The Scientific Panacea Discovered in Life Itself.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

### The Diseased Condition of Humanity.

"Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

**K**NOWING, as Jesus did, the condition of the health of all men, it is no wonder that he classed them all as dead. A few days, or weeks, or years, at most, of living death, would bring the closing scene in their career and the end of their sufferings, which were generally the result of their own vices. Death was the certain thing before each of them, hence they were in death—dead. He alone of all men did not abide in death.

The only avenue to salvation was to inoculate the dying humanity with this seed of the higher life that would not die. We find in the lower domain (and what is a law in one domain is a law in every domain), that by inserting a bud or graft-germ of one quality of fruit into the circulation of a tree having another quality, we may produce a tree having the higher characteristic. So by inserting the germ of this higher quality of man that has life in Himself, into the dying man, we may, nay, will (in the end of the cycle of the reproduction of that seed which Jesus declared would be the end of the Christian age) produce another just like the seed from whence the germ that will not die, was taken. And as not one but many, received the germ of this immortal life, so many immortals will stand forth and constitute the kingdom of heaven in earth, that has been so long promised. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things have passed away."

The insatiable greed and murderous vice of the present will no longer work death to the human race, but

in their stead, love to God and the neighbor will be an ever-rising fountain of life. But for such rejuvenating, humanity would soon die out under the weight of its own vices and crimes.

### Fruit and Seed of the Tree of Life.

**T**HE fruit of a tree hangs upon the tree which produces it. This is just as true of the Tree of Life, (or lives, as the Hebrew has it), as of any other tree. Jesus was the origin and Creator, hence the ripened fruit of that tree. The fruit contains the seed, so He was the seed of the tree. According to Scripture: "He saith not, and to seeds as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed, which is Christ." The fruits that still hang on the tree are rejected as not yet fit for the higher appropriation for which they were intended, for the reason that they are still under the curse of crudeness and greenness. When they shall have reached the state of perfect ripeness they may hope to have the curse removed, which now bars their entrance to the higher domain and confines them to the domain of death and the narrow range of reproduction in their present form. When they have Christ perfectly formed within them,—"Christ in them, the hope of glory;" when they shall have perfectly "put on Christ," "put on the new man," body, soul, and spirit, as Jesus the divine seed had, then they will be the ripened fruit of the Tree of Lives, ready to be plucked and appropriated by the immortals. They will be no more subject to death, as Jesus the seed from whence they came, was not. The harvest of the seed which Jesus sowed—the resurrection of the dead, coming at the end of the Christian age, is the time of such ripening and appropriation. Such matured and ripened fruit will constitute the new genus, the kingdom of heaven in earth, the "new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."

## Thoughts Heterocritical About This and That.

BY W. H. PAVITT.

**T**HE condition of the masses and the general downward tendency sometimes seem too patent for one to waste time in discussing. The cause which led humanity up or down, as one pleases to view it, to such conditions is not generally understood. Very few have been able to diagnose the disease, therefore the patient has been dosed with poisons, soporifics, emetics, purgatives, blisters, and leeches, until the last stage which precedes dissolution has been reached. It does not seem to have occurred to the learned doctors who have been practicing upon the patient, that per-

chance, if nature had been let alone, a fair chance for recovery might result. But perish such thoughts! In such event what would become of the practitioner? It is no unusual thing to hear men cry for justice, with no conception that justice might put them in the stocks!

"The land is mine," saith the Lord, therefore the use of it belongs not to one man nor class, but to the living. No man made it, and no man has a right to buy or sell or mortgage it. Because a certain few have by chicanery and fraud, backed by statutes defending usurpation and



robbery, obtained vast tracts of rich agricultural, mining, and timber lands, their rights consist only in a paper title made by a body of ignorant, corrupt, and venal representatives of an equally corrupt, ignorant, and venal people. A more enlightened people can and will declare such acts null and void—a violation of the inalienable right of every child born in earth, to its just share of the bounties of nature—the free gift of a beneficent father to all of his children, and not to some special person or persons having developed a law-defended dexterity in picking a brother's pocket!

It may be owing to a thickening of the cortical covering of the brain, but we cannot comprehend how the people are going to get rich by taxing themselves, whether by income tax, inheritance tax, single tax, double tax, or a tariff tax. It is a boomerang which returns to kill. The whole world of today is controlled by the competitive system, and especially do the political leaders exhibit a most remarkable aberration of mind on the subject of legal tender. That grim and gruesome superstition is responsible for more crime, misery, and want than any other specie of fanaticism that has oppressed humanity for thousands of years!

We once saw two bipeds in a drunken brawl. One had a club with which he was seeking to crush his opponent's skull; the other had a knife and was trying to

carve the creature with the club, and finally succeeded in slashing him across the ribs, when lo, the madman of the club suddenly became a law-abiding citizen, and wanted justice! This is only an example of the general disposition of humanity. Punishment for others is desirable, but for self none! This is the rock which lies hidden in the channel, and which has scuttled many a reform craft.

Precedent is a brain-stultifying institution; but where can one go or what can one do to get rid of it? Yet it must go, and with it all the fungi which support it, and upon which it feeds. The precedent of majority rule is a poor one. It is a surprise to many to know that we do not believe in the rule of the majority. Rule of reason, guided by natural law, will eliminate the rule of those who cannot rule themselves, and will establish justice. Humanity must reach the rule of justice through bitter experience.

Individualism must give place to organic unity, and men will find love to God and the brotherhood of man to be one principle. Then men will cease the foolish cry of the greatest good to the greatest number, and will strive each for the greatest good to all. Truth, not majorities, will rule. Until this time arrives, justice cannot obtain; but it will come, dashing to pieces every obstacle to communism!

## In the Editorial Perspective.

THE total eclipse of the sun, January 22, was successfully observed by astronomers at Calcutta and other stations along the course of the total shadow. The astronomers express themselves as being well pleased; they took particular pains to consider nothing that would seem to be in conflict with their theories. There are thousands of people who think that because this and other eclipses have been accurately predicted, that the old theory of astronomy must be true. But the daily press has given the snap away, just as we have numbers of times in the past—that all eclipses are calculated from eclipse tables, which define definite eclipse cycles, and that the accuracy of eclipse prediction is not due to any theory of astronomy. In the report of the recent eclipse observations we find the following: "Astronomers ascertain the exact day on which an eclipse of the sun or moon will take place in the following manner: For eclipses of the sun, charts are designed for an observer supposed to be located at the center of the earth at the time of the new moon, i. e., the conjunction of our satellite with the sun, is calculated. \* \* \* The moon and sun charts show that on the average, in the course of 18 years and 10 days, 70 eclipses can be observed, of which 29 are moon eclipses, and 41 solar eclipses." This period is termed an eclipse cycle. The length of this period has nothing to do with any theory of astronomy; eclipses were calculated thousands of years before the present popular system was ever dreamed of.

It is a scientific postulate in Koresan Science that everything in the universe has its opposite. This leads to the conclusion that the light pole of the sun at the center of the earth,

has its opposite pole of darkness; consequently every star in the universe has its opposite—a dark point, and every planetary disc in the earth's crust, its antithetical, dark disc, with corresponding reflections in the physical heavens. These conclusions have been recently confirmed at the Lowell observatory in Arizona, by Dr. T. J. See, who has been able to see dark planets among the fixed stars; these dark planets, he concludes, are in the region of the fixed stars. It is held in modern astronomy that Mars, Venus, Jupiter, and other planets are non-luminous. Look at the brilliant orbs of Jupiter and Venus at their brightest, in comparison with dark, non-luminous bodies seen by Dr. See, and conclude whether or not they shine with borrowed light. The dark planets are among the fixed stars; their corresponding light planets are among the fixed stars also. This is not placing the planets at the incalculable stellar distances of modern astronomy, but bringing the stars down to within the measurable distances of the planets themselves. By simple geometrical triangulation the distances to the visible sun-planets and stars do not exceed 1,200 miles.

War clouds are rising in both the eastern and the western horizon. The concert of powers is no longer at the Dardanelles, but in Chinese waters. Russia, France, and Japan have closed the ports of China to the world's commerce, and this conflicts with the interests of Great Britain. Japan is impetuous, and may precipitate war; while England announces that Russian invasion must be prevented! In the west the Cuban question is exercising the minds of diplomats and jingoes. The Blanco-Sagasta autonomy plan is a failure; riots occur in Havana, with

threatened attacks upon the American Consul. Spain is becoming enraged at the Senatorial speeches, at the administration's appeal for aid for Cuban sufferers, and at the threatened intervention to stop the Cuban war. A large number of American warships are in readiness to sail at a moment's notice, and several have already sailed from Jacksonville and Key West, Fla., for Havana, to protect Americans and American interests. The Spanish minister at Washington has notified the administration that he fears his people will become enraged and drive Americans from Cuba and Spain. He thus admits the Spanish thirst for blood and the spirit of lawlessness, which relegate the weakening monarchy to barbarism!

Spectral analyses of the sun confirm the conclusions of the Koreshan Cosmogony. There are no so called elements in the sun or in the substances emanating from it, that are foreign to the earth itself. If the substances known to exist in the earth are found in the sun, this fact at once establishes a relation between the sun and the earth—the center and the circumference. We examine spectral analyses of stars also; they are claimed to be giant suns billions of miles distant. The stellar spectra are not the same as those of the sun; they do not contain a greater variety of substances than the sun, but *less*. If the stars are suns, they should not contain fewer substances. No single star contains its quota of substances that the modern system would compel. The millions of stars are so many diffusions and refocalizations of solar energies, and it would require the entire multitude of stars to represent the fullness of solar activities. The stars are *points of light*; the most powerful telescopes in existence are not capable of magnifying the points a hair's breadth!

Astronomers are in a pretty predicament concerning Venus. Cassini saw spots on that planet, and calculated that its period of revolution is about 23 hours. Bianchini made it 24 *days* and 8 hours; Schroter, 23 hours and 22 minutes; De Vico and Polambo, after 10,000 observations, 23 hours, 21 minutes and 21.9345 seconds; Schiaparelli now causes its rotation in 224 *days* and 17 hours—in the same time that it revolves about the sun. The combined result of all American observation demolishes completely the Schiaparellian theory, and now Flammarion, of Paris, asserts that no one has ever seen, or ever will see, the surface of Venus, and that astronomers can never know anything about the time of its rotation. A writer sums up all the difficulties in the way of accurate conclusion concerning the planet under the head of, "Why we know so little about Venus." With a greater degree of certainty, Koreshan Science easily demonstrates the reason why astronomers know so little about anything!

Some remarkable claims were made at the recent National Convention of Chemists at Washington. They parade before the world the claim that chemistry has been of incalculable benefit to agriculture, through the discovery that plants derive eighty per cent of their substance from the atmosphere, through the invention of fertilizers, and through the hypothesis that nitrogen-absorbing bacteria are plowed under the soil for the prolific propagation of vegetation! One failure of the convention was, in not showing how it was possible for vegetation to exist and to be cultivated previous to these so called discoveries; and another was, in not divulging what hypothesis the chemists will now adopt in lieu of their exploded premise—the fallacy of the indestructibility of matter.

The exhumation of the remains of Voltaire revives in the public mind the life of a notable historic character. It revives also pictures of the conditions which existed during the reign of Louis XVI, with its corrupt aristocracy and impoverished people.

Voltaire cried out against the evils of the church and government. His death was followed by the vortex of revolution and the crushing of the Roman power in France. Despite the opinions of the church, the work of Voltaire is linked with American independence through the associations of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine. Voltaire was buried on the eve of revolution; he is now untombed amid scenes of greater corruptions, and on the eve of the greatest revolution known in the history of man.

Gage's currency bill seeks to destroy \$200,000,000 in greenbacks, and to substitute therefor bank bills based on same amount of gold bonds. This means \$200,000,000 more indebtedness without a dollar's more wealth for either the government or the people, and without a dollar's increase in the circulation of money. It is a plan to destroy the people's money, and to give the bankers the monopoly of paper currency. The banks will be enriched to the extent of the new bondage, and the people enslaved to the same extent. It is a scheme for the bankers, for Gage himself belongs to this class of money thieves, and will legislate for their interests despite the interests of the people.

A number of poker-playing ministerial students in the Presbyterian theological seminary at Allegheny Pa., have aroused the ire of the faculty. Some will be expelled and others suspended. We judge that the old theology is not so interesting to the young bloods as the more modern inventions, and consequently amusements take the place of dry fallacy. We do not blame either side for the courses pursued, under the circumstances; but we have an idea that if we were both students and faculty of that institution we would reform!

What passed as science fifty years ago is rejected at the end of the nineteenth century. The nebular hypothesis is now a theory of the past, and Newton's theory of gravitation is vanishing like a will-o'-the-wisp when one chases it for investigation; it will soon disappear altogether. Newton never put forth his theory as *science*; he claimed it to be no more than remote probability. It temporarily bolstered a conclusion, but it is now crumbling, and the gigantic fallacy of modern astronomy will soon be a heap of ruins!

Modern warfare is likely to be revolutionized! A man has invented a gun which shoots electricity, and announces that it is planned to throw death in a search-light. He claims that his invention will enforce universal peace, for the reason that its use would prove too disastrous in warfare. Better try it in Spain first, and then enforce the peace!

The Chicago *Tribune* charges Chicago with inadequate laws, which shackle the hands of the police and leave free the hands of the burglars and hold-ups. The *Tribune* should go further with its suggestions of reform;—shackle the hands of all those engaged in extracting money from the pockets of the wealth producers!

Kirkville, Mo., is an osteopathic town, and means to defend itself against the invasions of boards of health and Allopathic meddlers. It is the home of the founder of osteopathy, Dr. Still, who has established the American College of Osteopathy, with Dr. Smith as the able principal and head.

When superceded by utilization of levic and gravic forces in Koreshan invention, the Roentgen rays will be sure-enough ex (X)-rays.

If all the ruling powers of the world were just, the conditions would not be just as they are.

There is said to be honor among thieves; the hold-ups are forming a trust.



## Quiet Talks with the Editors of our Exchanges.

IN THE world's great journalistic firmament, some paper must shine with the greatest brilliancy, and the brighter it shines the less brilliant will all others appear. We do not mean the journal having the greatest circulation, nor the one which comes nearest pleasing everybody, for the taste of the people may not be just right. It is a poor principle upon which everybody can agree when the majority are wrong. The only true light is the light of the science of truth, the knowledge of that which is true. An idea coming from any other source, only adds to the world's darkness. In the lurid glare of fallacy, wierd conceptions are formed, and these conceptions are the mischievous sprites which afflict and annoy humanity. It is the business of many an editor to guard with unwieldy clubs, a group of mental spooks which never did him any other service than to deceive him! Progressive people do not desire this kind of journalism; they like to see aggressiveness, instead of so much defense. The thing which needs constant defense is an invalid idea in a mental hospital! THE FLAMING SWORD is the sun of journalism; it does not radiate moonshine. The solar sphere at the center of the universe is light on one side and dark on the other. The dark side of THE SWORD are the impressions received from the dark hemisphere of humanity, making dark pictures of its social and mental conditions. This journalistic sun stands between the old century and the new; the dark side faces the dying past, and its bright side creates the light of the coming age!

The editor of a paper or the originator of some combination of ideas which he calls a "system," should first count the cost and know what he is going to do before he begins his work. Some people jump at conclusions, purchase a lot of type and fire away at anybody or nobody. They are just random shots, without any definite aim. A boy shoots his new gun just to hear it go off; no other gun is as good as his, even if it is a cheap flobert! The cracks of toy guns in the newspaper world amuse us! We make a study of humanity; we survey the field, and know what we are going to do and what we are already doing. Our work is mementicure; there is a science to it, and we are not "beating the air."

Ever stop to think of the awful chaos in the world of ideas? Judging from the jangling voices of the newspapers of the world, we conclude that the typical ed-

itor has very poor premises, or else his train of conclusion is wrecked before it reaches its destination. It is always one or the other, unless your conclusions are absolutely correct. In your case, which is it?

A thing done under cover is not always a bad thing; some good magazines are under pretty covers. The only cover we have been able to see about some newspapers is the effort to cover up the real object of their existence. A paper which "covers" up its meanness is a poor paper with poor covers!

You either have more truth than we have, or just the same amount, or less. If you have more than we have, it is your duty to teach us; if just as much as we have, you should think just as we do; if less, you should let us teach you. THE FLAMING SWORD is teaching the world.

Nearly every newspaper office is supposed to have a "devil." This thing has been kept up so long that the real devil answers the purpose and takes possession; he controls the policy of the majority of papers in existence.

If you want ideas, don't get cheap ones in job lots from the editorial bargain counter. Manufacture your own goods, and leave the "ready prints" for the "editors" who cannot.

THE FLAMING SWORD is the hub of journalism. It is a cause that produces effect; wherever it goes it creates a hub-bub.

Public wants are not always consistent with public rights. Majority rule is not right if the majority are wrong.

Some people insist on expressing their opinions without paying the expressage.

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### As Editors See Us.

#### Self-You-lar Theories.

There is a gentleman in Chicago who styles himself Koresh, and publishes a paper with the lurid title of THE FLAMING SWORD, in which he proclaims, to the contradiction of the present system of astronomy, that the earth is a hollow sphere and that we live on the inside of it, on the concave surface of the shell.

Of course, the gentleman is supposed to be crazy, but he is still outside the lunatic asylum and appears to have method in his madness. He affirms that his theory has been proved and can be proved at any time by actual measurement. This appears reasonable, because the problem to be solved is simply to determine whether the surface of the earth curves upward toward a horizontal line, or downward away from it. The test in this case is the same that I announced in the last number of

this paper as the test for all theories and systems, the application of the mathematical principle of the square or sign of the cross. If there is mechanical skill enough in the world to fix an absolutely horizontal line a few miles long, that will settle the question whether the earth's surface is convex or concave. If the scientists cannot give this test, their measurements of the distance and bulk of Arcturus are open to doubt. This is not a question of belief or theory; it is a question of fact and calls for material evidence. Whoever can make this test is a real scientist, a master workman, and is truly entitled to be decorated with the mystic emblems of the compass and the square.

I do not know whether the earth is a hollow cell or not. I am willing to let the scientists settle that among themselves; but I do know positively that the present system of political economy and some more of our systems, religious, social, and pseudo-scientific, are hollow cells, and we are on the inside of them, like Jonah in the whale. But the old whale is getting pretty sick and I expect we will get out before long.—*New Dispensation, Corvallis, Ore.*

Vagrancy laws demand the arrest of every man who has no visible means of support. If a real trouble is not so much in those who have no visible means of support, as in those whose support is visible—too visible, too palpably evident that their support is stolen from the producer. It is such visible support that we object to. No man can have visible support if it is taken away from him and given to somebody else.—*THE FLAMING SWORD.*

Which is all very true. The invention of machinery, however, has done more to take away the "visible means of support" of the working classes than anything else. Hundreds of able-bodied men are walking the streets of the different cities today, looking for employment, on account of the expert machinery invented; families, half-starved, are on the increase all over the land, because machinery has taken away the "visible means of support" of the head of the household. Machinery invention has made more tramps, bums, and hobos than everything else known combined. There should be a law enacted prohibiting the manufacture and use of machinery, which in a great measure is the direct cause of so much misery and want throughout the country.—*The Herald, Roseland, Louisiana.*

FROM THE FLAMING SWORD we learn that times are good (for the millions), and prosperity booming as Gage-o by the secretary of the treasury who is scheming to do away with greenbacks, and issue bonds instead, for our "dear" people, whom the bankers of Lombard and Wall streets love so well and cater to their wants so faithfully. Such is life, in the poor man's mind! —*Coming Events, Evansville, Ind.*

S. B. Nickum, Logansport, Ind., by including certain chemicals in a vacuum glass globe, in a vacuum, has invented a new illuminant. He calls it Perpetual Light, or "bottled sunshine."

THE FLAMING SWORD sees in this an independent illustration, contradictory of the Cellular Cosmogony, of which it is an expositor and herald.—*The Leaflet, Ironton, O.*

THE FLAMING SWORD is a valuable addition to our exchange list. It is published by Cyrus B. Teed, Founder of "Kororantia," to us a new religious science. THE SWORD is awake to the crying need of the hour. 6308 Wentworth Ave., Chicago.—*Banner of Liberty, Minden, La.*

### Interrogation Points and Encouraging Words.

(1) What is the "mark of the beast"? (2) Do you observe baptism and the Lord's Supper? (3) What was the form of baptism originally—in immersion or sprinkling? (4) Explain Koreshan Astro-anthroposophy. (5) What is conversion?

(1) Money is the mark of the beast; without it in the hand, or credit which the banker can recognize in the face, it is not possible to do business. (2) Whatever rites and ceremonies were instituted nineteen hundred years ago served their purpose then, and have no application to the present time; the new age begins with a new order of thought and life. (3) The form of symbol used nineteen hundred years ago was not plunging nor sprinkling. The narratives give it plainly; the persons simply waded into the water, and the baptism was by transfer of mental substance, by a psychic process. The symbol was simply that of bathing the feet, representing the complete cleansing at the extremity of the age. The church was in the form of a man; Jesus was its head, and the ultimates of the man will be at the foundation at the close of the age—the feet will then rest upon the footstool. (4) An explanation of Koreshan Astro-anthroposophy requires the details of not only human physiology, theology, but also the laws of the physical universe and the relation of the cosmos to humanity. (5) Conversion is transformation. When starch is converted into sugar it is no longer starch. When a man is converted to Christ, he is no longer the man as he was, but Christ; only devils can be converted to gods. True conversion must be complete; it requires an entire age to complete it, but when it is done, the mortal flesh shall have put on the immortal. Only God possesses immortality; when man attains to that state he reaches the Godhood.

S. H., Grant's Pass, Ore.—We note your question concerning the article, "Who is the Prince of this World," in THE FLAMING SWORD of January 7, that if Jesus was the prince of this world why did he say, "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me"? The words "the prince of this world," were substituted in a reference to John xvi:7, to make explicit and clear the statement of the fact that the "prince of this world" was the Comforter. Jesus went away by dissolution of his body; the result of the combustion was the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. Now, when the Spirit should come to the disciples, as on Pentecost, had

it anything in that which was not in existence? Have the energies of the seed anything in the seed-form, after the seed is dissolved? Nothing whatever. Jesus had no reference to the devil in John xiv; he was talking about the Comforter, about his going away, and how that which he should send to them should come, and impressed upon them the fact that he must be destroyed before it could come. When it came it was the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit working in the children of disobedience." The law of the cross demanded the sowing of the spirit of life in the soil of humanity; and the only kind of humanity that could be found was the mortal humanity, "the children of disobedience."

### A Champion of Dr. Teed.

DENVER, Jan. 12.

To the Editor of The Post

The Rev. David Utter might find it a difficult task to meet Dr. Teed, the only really scientific man in the world, in open debate. Not all educated people capable of understanding astronomy are able to see the "absurdity of Dr. Teed's theories," but some are quite able to see the absurdities of the Copernican system, and would like to see Dr. Teed meet a few of the wise, so-called, scientific men, and let him have a chance to teach them something they do not know. A KORESHAN.

(1) What has Koreshanity to say with reference to Pantheism? (2) Were there ever any people who really worshiped the sun, or images?—M. C. St. Louis, Mo.

(1) Koreshanity is the true Pantheism. The various forms of modern speculation under the name of Pantheism sustain no relation to the original theism of Pan. The difficulty with modern pantheists is that they undertake to connect the existence and life of God directly with alchemical substances, making God the soul of the physical universe. This view excludes the idea of an ultra-cosmical deity, but places him in the mineral kingdom instead of in the human. A pan is a hollow vessel. The word *pan* means all, the all-environ. Pan was the great hollow god, and the true Pantheism is the science of cellular life, the theism founded on the fact that the earth is a cell, its walls en-

vironing all there is. (2) Sun worshippers did not worship the sun in the physical heavens. They pointed to it only as a symbol of the great luminary of the anthropistic world. No people in the world ever worshipped images any more than the church worships the crucifix or pictures of Bible characters. The stories about oriental religions and customs are gotten up to fool the children of the Sunday schools; money for missions is the next thing.

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### The Flaming Sword Warmly Welcomed.

The new SWORD reaches us regularly every week now, but the first number never reached us. Whether the postmaster made a mistake and gave it to some one else, or whether it was not sent, I do not know, but I must have it, as I cannot afford to lose a single number. As Uncle Tom said about Geo. Shelby's letter, the articles should be framed. If the people would listen and give you a respectful hearing and investigate the facts of a science that is founded on a demonstrated truth, and be less prejudiced, they would soon see their error. But in their ignorance they would rather listen to some cunning humbug who deliberately steals some one's ideas, and afterwards palms them off as his own. In this electric age when everything progresses with lightning rapidity and accelerated motion, the teachings of KORESH will be accepted in a short time by all thinking people.—Mrs. A. W., Hayti, S. Dak.

Having come in contact with the doctrines of Dr. Cyrus R. Teed (Koresh) through an article in the Chicago Record, setting forth the survey on the Gulf coast of Florida by the Geodetic Staff, and desiring to know more of the science of Koreshan Astronomy, I bought some pamphlets on that question; also subscribed for THE FLAMING SWORD, and find it very interesting, and so different from other papers, it charms the mind and fills it with new ideas.—F. M. K., Monroe, Wis.

### Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

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## Miscellaneous Notes.

Wednesday, Jan. 19.—President Dole, of Hawaii, visits Chicago; is welcomed and banquetted.—Signor Nicolini, husband of Mme. Putti, dies at Pau, France.—Turbulent scenes in Prague, Bohemia.—Miners and mine owners succeed in patching up difficulties at Chicago convention.—Flood on Yukon river.—Senator Mason assaulted at Washington by a hotel clerk.—Potato famine in Ireland.—Maryland has a senatorial fight.

Thursday.—American ideas and customs being adopted in China. \$100,000 damages by floods in southern Indiana. Ohio river rapidly rising.—A returned Klondiker sues American Transportation Co. for damages for sickness in Alaska.—Senator Hitt makes speeches for Cuba.—Bricklayers convene at Peoria, Ill.—Nat. C. Goodwin, celebrated actor, must pay his divorced wife \$75 per week alimony.—200 coal miners strike at Streator, Ill.—Gladstone reported ill.—National Fisheries Convention at Tampa, Fla.

Friday.—Students play poker in Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.; a few will be expelled.—Ohio man pays two debts with two daughters given in marriage.—Entire town of Ashburn, Ga., converted in religious revival.—Exciting discussion in Senate over Cuban question.—Cubans gain victories in province of Mantanzas.—Thousands of French students march through Paris streets in demonstration against Zola.—A score of British warships in readiness for engagement in Chinese waters.—Socialism gaining in German reichstag.—Wind and rain storms in Ohio.—Hartsville University, Columbus, Ind., in hands of receiver.—Wheat higher again.

Saturday.—Great gain for silver reported in Congress.—A teacher murdered by pupils at Adams, Ill.—Wreckers at Fall River, Mass., threaten to strike if old wage scale is not restored.—Luetgert begins to testify on his own behalf.—Chris Merry sentenced to the gallows.—France sends more warships to China.—Great distress in Italy; appeal to government for funds for poor.—Insurance company fails at Indianapolis, Ind.—Chinese new year celebrated at Chicago.—Inharmony and mutiny in Spanish army in Cuba.—Blanco's officers insubordinate.—Hanna is charged with bribery and investigations have begun.—A Chicago policeman holds up and robs two men.—Total eclipse of the sun; viewed by astronomers in India.—Large meteor falls in India.—\$20,000 of suspicious railroad tickets discovered in Chicago ticket office.

Sunday.—Damages by snow-storm in Chicago and vicinity.—Gladstone wishes

to die—weary of life and his labors.—Hand-to-hand fight in French Chamber of Deputies, and riot results.—Rev. Talmage marries in Allegheny, Pa.—Armenian persecutions begin again.—Firemen are forming a national association.—Engineers' strike in England will be declared off Jan. 31; engineers yield.—Turkish Sultan presents the German Kaiser with traditional site of "Last Supper" at Jerusalem.—McKinley's appeal for aid for Cubans meets with many responses.

Monday.—Much talk of war in Madrid.—Cardinal Vanutelli attends a banquet contrary to Pope's wish, and gets disgraced.—Thousands of barrels of whisky burned at a Nashville fire.—Continued snow-storm in northern Illinois.—Bryan gives \$100 for Cubans.—Cuban insurgents fighting within 8 miles of city of Havana.

Tuesday.—General strike threatened in Massachusetts cotton mills.—U. S. warship Maine sent to Havana in response to Consul Gen. Lee's demands.—100 Jews slain in Algiers during riots.—Mohammedans begin persecution of Christians in Persia.—Watson may be a candidate for Georgia governor.—Disastrous fires in Spokane, Wash.—Omaha Indians demand \$850,000 for lands in Nebraska; fraudulent purchase in 1861.—Insurrection threatened in Brussels, caused by king's treatment of socialists.—Leiters put wheat up to \$1.—Japan allies with Great Britain.

## Thoughts From the Reform Press.

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